

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 30, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 30, 2009. Claims 1, 3-18, 23 and 28-31 are currently pending in the application. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Election/Restriction

Claims 1, 3-18, 23 and 28-31 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

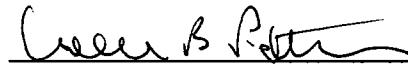
- I. Claim 23, drawn to the broad combination of a first clamp, second clamp, and gimbal means.
- II. Claims 4-11, drawn to a clamp having two lever arms and having radially arrayed housing teeth and spacer teeth.
- III. Claims 12, 15, 16 and 18, drawn to a clamp having two lever arms and an attachment clip and clip lock release and spring means disposed between the arm members.
- IV. Claims 28-31, drawn to a clamp which is operated by hand having a positioning base with first and second housings and formation interlocks disposed around a pivot axis.

Applicants provisionally elect Invention IV, claims 28-31 without traverse.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement

Respectfully submitted,



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